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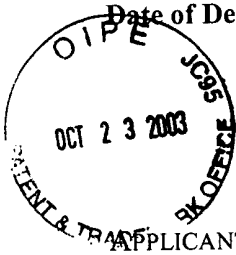
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APPLICANTS: Kornman *et al.*

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/693,555

EXAMINER: Myers, Carla J.

FILING DATE: October 20, 2000

ART UNIT: 1634

FOR: FETAL TESTING FOR PREDICTION OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT

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Request for Continued Examination Under 37 CFR § 1.114

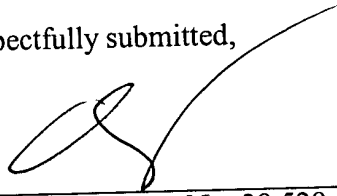
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed herein are the following:

1. Amendment and Response (6 pgs.);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg., in duplicate);
3. Check No. 17436 in the amount of \$420.00 for the Extension fee; and,
4. Return Postcard.

Pursuant to 35 USC §1.114, Applicants herein request continued examination of Application No. 09/693,555. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request (this document); 2) a submission; and 3) a fee. The submission provided herein is an Amendment and Response. Such a submission is a proper submission in accordance with 37 CFR §1.114 (c). With such a timely filed request, submission, and fee, Applicants believe that the amendment should be entered and the finality of the Action should be withdrawn.

Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time along with the required fee. With the extension, these documents are due on or before October 23, 2003. No additional fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-507NATL. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



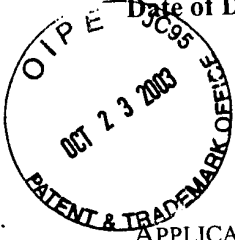
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Advisory Action mailed July 24, 2003 and further to the Notice of Appeal filed on June 23, 2003, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 and the required fee. Also enclosed herewith is a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the required fee. With extension, these documents are due on or before October 23, 2003. This Amendment and Response constitutes the submission required by 37 CFR § 1.114. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-507 NATL.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin of page 4 of this paper.